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Application No.: 10/786,292) Examiner: Shambhavi K. Patel
Filed: February 26, 2004) Confirmation No.: 3842
For: COMPUTER-AIDED TENDERING)
OF POWER SUPPLY FACILITIES)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

A copy of the listed German-language patent is enclosed; however, a copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed. Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached for PTO-1449.

Applicant advises that the listed U.S. Patent 6,885,915 is the U.S. counterpart to EP 1265333 which was submitted in the First IDS, filed February 26, 2004, and not considered by the Examiner. (See Office Action mailed February 21, 2007, p. 2)

Furthermore, in lieu of a translation of the listed German Patent DE 4209168, which was also submitted in the First IDS and not considered, Applicant provides the following explanation of the document's relevance:

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German Patent DE 4209168 discloses a method for automatic project planning of substation control systems. The project planning tools comprise a basic program and a library of program modules that have a general functionality and can be linked together to build functions or steps in sub-procedures. The library is based on object-oriented data modeling. The program modules are accessible from different access or user levels. The access levels are defined hierarchically such that only predetermined procedures, sub-procedures or information can be obtained from a certain level. The program modules can be linked together recursively to build program modules themselves. Program modules in one access level interact, and in particular exchange information, with one another dynamically. On the lowest access level, a basic program module stores knowledge for modeling the substation control system, such as discretionary operating means and operating means information of the control system and/or the substation. In addition, the basic program module generates access or input modules with user interfaces for accessing the stored knowledge. On the second level an access module generates or duplicates application-specific information (e. g. choice of language) stored in different basic program modules. As well, a plurality of basic modules may be generated that represent specific components or device families (e.g. for protection and control) of the control system. The input modules give access to the substation manufacturer on the first and second level, and to the end user, e. g. the design engineer or client, on the third level. Operational data for the substation control system can be generated from the substation by a generator.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists; and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of

the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute prior art under U.S. law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims or the present application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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